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12 December 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Progress Report on NSC-50

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum of 8 December, same subject

1. As I reported to Mr. Becker and the IAD staff meeting, the National Security Council Secretariat plans to issue a request for the revision of NSC-135/2 on 1 January for submission on 1 February. The essential elements of the last report as seen in the attached final version (IAC-D-55, Final) are along the lines pointed out in paragraph 4 of your memorandum. Materials requested in your memorandum would, of course, be useful in connection with revision of NSC-135/2.

2. I would raise for your consideration the question of whether it is really desirable to keep on reporting progress on NSC-50, which was essentially a result of investigating the non-DD/P aspects of IA. I believe that NSC-50 has outlived its usefulness. General Smith, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Becker, and others have now gone far beyond its recommendations. There will be continuing improvements in CIA not because of NSC-50 but because there is a real desire and intention on the part of the leaders of the Agency to improve intelligence generally. In sum, NSC-50 was an instance of disciplinary action which is no longer entirely pertinent.

RECOMMENDATION

3. a. That you recommend to the General that the Progress Report on NSC-50 be discontinued.

b. That his annual report to the NSC should be considered as the progress report on NSC-135, Intelligence Section.

c. That insofar as there is need for a personal report which would include comments which cannot appropriately be included in NSC-135, the DCI handle this orally or in writing to the President. (It would seem to me that a separate report on the DD/P area can appropriately be prepared for the NSC, or for the President, quite separate from the NSC-135 report as, in fact, has been the custom in the case of NSC-135).

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Draft of memo to DDI

8 December 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Plans
Deputy Director/Administration
Intelligence Assistant Directors

SUBJECT : Progress Report on NSC 50

1. The Director of Central Intelligence plans to submit to the National Security Council a progress report covering the calendar year 1952, on the implementation of NSC 50, "The Central Intelligence Agency and National Organization for Intelligence."

2. In order that we may prepare a draft report for DCI's consideration, it is requested that you submit to DD/I attention [redacted] by 5 January 1953, a brief report on those activities of primary concern to your office which would lend themselves to incorporation into such a progress report to the NSC.

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3. It is requested that reports be condensed to no more than two type-written pages. They should be succinct, and devoid of detail and technical terminology.

4. It is suggested that the reports include data on the following topics: major organizational changes during 1952; implementation of NSCIDs; accomplishments; unsolved problems and action being taken, or to be taken, to solve them.

SIGNED

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